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(57) Abstract

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"CYTOKINE INHIBITING IMIDAZOLE SUBSTITUTED HYDROXAMIC ACID DERIVATIVES"

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to novel compounds for both pharmaceutical and veterinary treatment of matrix-degrading metalloproteinase related disease states.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Many different metalloproteinase enzymes are involved in connective tissue degradation or breakdown, such as collagenase, stromelysin and gelatinase. Inhibitors of matrix degrading metalloproteinases (MMP's) are known to be useful in the treatment or prophylaxis of conditions involving such tissue degradation. Such diseases include rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, arthropathy, dermatological conditions, bone resorption, inflammatory diseases, tumor invasion or metastasis, in the promotion of wound healing, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis, periodontitis, gingivitis, and corneal ulceration, gastric ulceration.

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A number of hydroxamic acid derivatives have been suggested as being useful as collagenase inhibitors, or for promoting tumor regression, such as those in the following patents and patent applications: US 4,599,361; EP 236872; WO 90/05716; WO 91/02716; WO 90/05719; WO 93/20047; EPO 0 498 665 A1; and WO 93/21942.

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These compounds, however, have generally poor pharmacokinetic properties and or poor water solubility. Therefor a need still exists to identify novel compounds which overcome these deficiencies.

30 **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

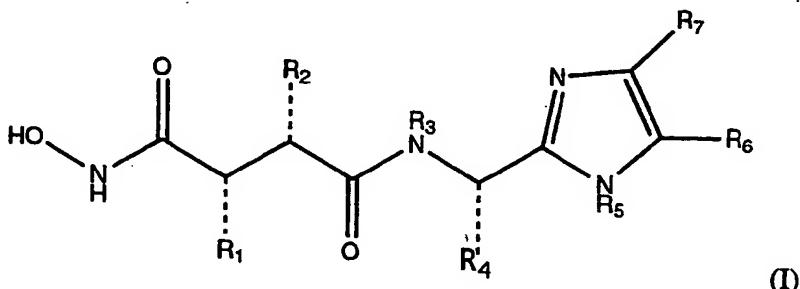
The present invention relates to a series of novel imidazole substituted hydroxamic acid derivatives, and compositions useful thereof as inhibitors of matrix-degrading metalloproteinase. By inhibiting the action of metalloproteinases the compounds of Formula (I) may be used in the treatment of disease states mediated thereby.

This invention relates to the novel compounds of Formula (I) and pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound of Formula (I) and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

This invention also relates to a method of inhibiting cytokines and the treatment of a cytokine mediated disease, in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

Compounds of Formula (I) have the following structure:

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wherein

R1 is hydrogen, hydroxy, optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl, optionally substituted C1-6 alkenyl, phenyl, optionally substituted phenyl C1-6 alkyl-, R7-S(O)_nC1-6-alkyl-;

10 n is 0 or an integer having a value of 1 or 2;

R7 is C1-6 alkyl, phenyl, phenyl C1-6 alkyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic C1-6 alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl C1-6 alkyl, C1-6 alkyl carbonyl, or phenacyl, all of which may be optionally substituted one to four time independently from C1-6 alkyl, C1-6 alkoxy, hydroxy, thio C1-6alkyl, amino, halogen, CF₃ or nitro;

15 R2 is hydrogen, C1-6alkyl, C1-6 alkenyl, phenyl C1-6 alkyl, cycloalkyl C1-6 alkyl, or cycloalkenyl C1-6 alkyl;

R3 is hydrogen or methyl;

R4 is hydrogen, C1-6 alkyl, cyclopropyl, an amino acid residue, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted phenyl C1-6 alkyl-, optionally substituted -C1-6-alkyl-oxy C1-6alkyl, optionally substituted -C1-6 alkyl oxyC1-6 alkyl phenyl, or an optionally substituted -C1-6 alkyl oxy phenyl;

20 wherein the phenyl or benzyl moiety is independently substituted one to four times by halogen, C1-6 alkyl, C1-6 alkoxy, hydroxy, thiol, C1-6alkylthio-, -NR₁₂R₁₃, -NHR^a, -NO₂, -C(O)R₁₄, -C(O)NR₁₂R₁₃, cyanoamino, R₁₄C(O)-O-, C1-6 alkyl OH, C1-6alkyl-C(O)R₁₄, C1-6alkyl-oxy-C1-6alkyl, C(O)C1-6 alkylNR₁₂R₁₃, or C1-6alkyl-(O)C-R₁₄;

25 R^a is hydrogen, C1-6 alkyl, or the side chain of an amino acid,

R₁₄ is hydrogen, C1-6 alkyl, C3-7 cycloalkyl, C3-7 cycloalkyl C1-6 alkyl, arylC1-6alkyl, heteroarylC1-6alkyl, or heterocyclic C1-6 alkyl;

30 R5 is hydrogen or C1-6alkyl;

R₆ and R₇ are independently hydrogen, halogen, CF₃, C₁₋₆ alkyl, aryl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylC₁₋₆alkyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl, (CHR₈)^m OH, (CHR₈)^m C(O)R₁₀, (CHR₈)^m C(OH)(R₉)₂, (CR₈R₉)-OH, C(O)R₁₁, C(O)NR₁₂R₁₃, C(O)R₁₀, or NO₂; or R₆ and R₇ can together form a fused C 2-4 alkylene, aryl or heteroaryl moiety;

5 m is 0 or an integer having a value of 1 or 2;

m' is an integer having a value of 1, 2, or 3;

R₈ and R₉ are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl or phenyl;

R₁₀ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₅₋₇ 10 cycloalkenyl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, heteroarylC₁₋₆alkyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl all of which may be optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxyl, -C₁₋₆alkoxy, -thioC₁₋₆ alkyl, or CF₃;

R₁₁ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₅₋₇ 15 cycloalkenyl, aryl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylC₁₋₆alkyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl all of which may be optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxyl, -C₁₋₆ alkoxy, -thioC₁₋₆ alkyl, or CF₃;

R₁₂ and R₁₃ are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl 20 C₁₋₆ alkyl, aryl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl C₁₋₆alkyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl or R₁₂ and R₁₃ may together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 5 to 7 membered ring which may additionally contain another heteroatom selected from O/N/ or S;

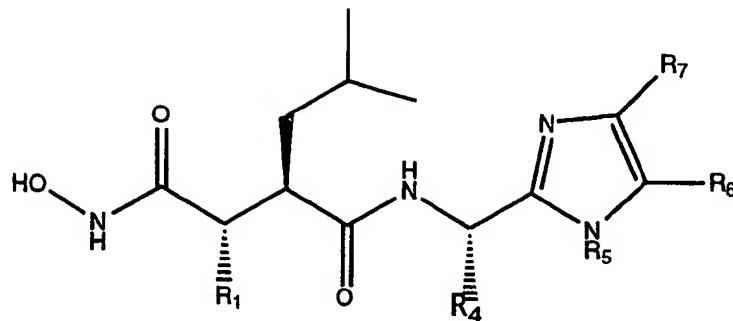
25 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

25 **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

The compounds of the present invention may contain one or more asymmetric carbon atoms and may exist in racemic and optically active forms. All of these compounds, specifically racemic mixtures and stereoisomers thereof are included within the scope of the present invention.

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Compounds of Formula (I) have the preferred chiral structure shown below and, illustrated herein with R₂ as isobutyl.



5 Additionally, compounds in which the chiral centre adjacent to the substituent R4 has the S stereochemistry and/or the chiral centre adjacent to the substituent R2 which has an R stereochemistry are preferred.

Suitably, R1 is hydrogen, hydroxy, or phenyl, benzyl, or R7-S(O)_n C1-6 alkyl- wherein the C1-6 alkyl is preferably methylene. R7 is preferably phenyl and n is 0.

Suitably, R2 is C1-6 alkyl, more preferably isobutyl.

10 Suitably, R3 is hydrogen or methyl, preferably hydrogen.

Suitably, R4 is hydrogen, C1-6 alkyl, cyclopropyl, an amino acid residue, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted phenyl C1-6 alkyl-, optionally substituted -C1-6-alkyl-oxy C1-6alkyl, optionally substituted -C1-6 alkyl oxyC1-6 alkyl phenyl, or an optionally substituted -C1-6 alkyl oxy phenyl; wherein the phenyl or 15 benzyl moiety is independently substituted one to four times by halogen, C1-6 alkyl, C1-6 alkoxy, hydroxy, thiol, C1-6alkylthio-, -NR12R13, -NHR^a, -NO₂, -C(O)2R14, -C(O)2NR12R13, cyanoamino, R14C(O)-O-, C1-6 alkyl OH, C1-6alkyl-C(O)2R14, C1-6alkyl-oxy-C1-6alkyl, C(O)C1-6 alkylNR12R13, or C1-6alkyl-(O)2C-R14.

Suitably, R6 and R7 are independently hydrogen, bromine, chlorine, CF₃, C1-6 20 alkyl, phenyl, (CH₂R₈)^m OH, (CH₂R₈)^m C(O)2R10, (CH₂R₈)^m C(OH)(R₉)₂, (CR₈R₉)-OH, C(O)R11, C(O)NR12R13, C(O)2R10, or NO₂; or R6 and R7 can together form a fused C 2-4 alkylene, aryl or heteroaryl moiety. Preferably the fused ring forms an (i.e., aryl) ring to result in a benzoimidazole moiety.

25 Preferably, when R10 is hydrogen, or C1-6 alkyl, preferably the alkyl is methyl or isopropyl.

Suitably, R11 is hydrogen, C1-6 alkyl, or phenyl, preferably the alkyl is methyl or isopropyl.

When either R6 or R7 is (CH₂R₈)^m C(O)2R10 than m is preferably 0 or 2.

When either R6 or R7 is (CH₂R₈)^m OH than R₈ is preferably hydrogen, methyl, 30 isopropyl, or phenyl.

Preferably, in a preferred grouping, R₁ is hydrogen or hydroxy; R₂ is C₁-6 alkyl, more preferably isobutyl, R₃ is hydrogen; R₄ is hydrogen, methyl, t-butyl, ethyl, propyl, isobutyl, cyclopropyl or benzyl, preferably C₁-6 alkyl, more preferably isopropyl; R₆ and R₇ are hydrogen, C₁-6 alkyl, C₃-6 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, CF₃, bromine, C(O)₂CH₃, C(H)O, CH₂OH, CH(OH)CH₃, CH(OH)isopropyl, 5 CH(OH)phenyl, NO₂, C(O)NH₂, (CH₂)₂C(O)CH₃, or both of R₆ and R₇ are methyl, dibromo or together form a fused aryl ring with the imidazole.

In a preferred embodiment the compounds of Formula (I) are those wherein

- 10 R₁ is hydrogen, or hydroxy;
- R₂ is C₁-6alkyl;
- R₃ is hydrogen;
- R₄ is hydrogen, C₁-6 alkyl, cyclopropyl, an amino acid residue, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted phenyl C₁-6 alkyl-, optionally substituted -C₁-6-alkyl-oxy C₁-6alkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-6 alkyl oxyC₁-6 alkyl phenyl, an optionally substituted -C₁-6 alkyl oxy phenyl, or phenyl-C₁-6 alkyl-oxy 15 C₁-6 alkyl;
- wherein the phenyl or benzyl moiety is independently substituted one to four times by halogen, C₁-6 alkyl, C₁-6 alkoxy, hydroxy, thiol, C₁-6alkylthio-, -NR₁₂R₁₃, -NHR^a, -NO₂, -C(O)₂R₁₄, -C(O)₂NR₁₂R₁₃, cyanoamino, R₁₄C(O)- 20 O-, C₁-6 alkyl OH, C₁-6alkyl-C(O)₂R₁₄, C₁-6alkyl-oxy-C₁-6alkyl, C(O)C₁-6 alkylNR₁₂R₁₃, or C₁-6alkyl-(O)₂C-R₁₄;
- R₅ is hydrogen or methyl, C₁-6alkyl;
- R₆ and R₇ are independently hydrogen, bromine, chlorine, CF₃, C₁-6 alkyl, phenyl, (CHR₈)^m OH, (CHR₈)^m C(O)₂R₁₀, (CHR₈)^m C(OH)(R₉)₂, (CR₈R₉)-OH, 25 C(O)R₁₁, C(O)NR₁₂R₁₃, C(O)₂R₁₀, or NO₂; or R₆ and R₇ can together form a fused C 2-4 alkylene, aryl or heteroaryl moiety;
- m is an integer having a value of 1, 2, or 3;
- m' is 0 or an integer having a value of 1 or 2;
- 30 R₈ and R₉ are independently hydrogen, C₁-4 alkyl, or phenyl;
- R₁₀ is hydrogen, or C₁-6 alkyl;
- R₁₁ is hydrogen, C₁-6 alkyl, or phenyl;
- R₁₂ and R₁₃ are independently hydrogen, C₁-6 alkyl, C₃-7 cycloalkyl, C₃-7 cycloalkyl, C₁-6 alkyl, aryl, arylC₁-6alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylC₁-6alkyl, heterocyclic, 35 heterocyclic C₁-6 alkyl or R₁₂ and R₁₃ may together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 5 to 7 membered ring which may additionally contain another heteroatom selected from O/N/ or S;
- or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable salts are well known to those skilled in the art and include basic salts of inorganic and organic acids, such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulphuric acid, phosphoric acid, methane sulphonic acid, ethane 5 sulphonic acid, acetic acid, malic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, lactic acid, oxalic acid, succinic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, benzoic acid, salicylic acid, phenylacetic acid and mandelic acid. In addition, pharmaceutically acceptable salts of compounds of formula (I) may also be formed with a pharmaceutically acceptable cation, for instance, if a substituent Y₁ in R₃ comprises a carboxy group. Suitable pharmaceutically 10 acceptable cations are well known to those skilled in the art and include alkaline, alkaline earth, ammonium and quaternary ammonium cations.

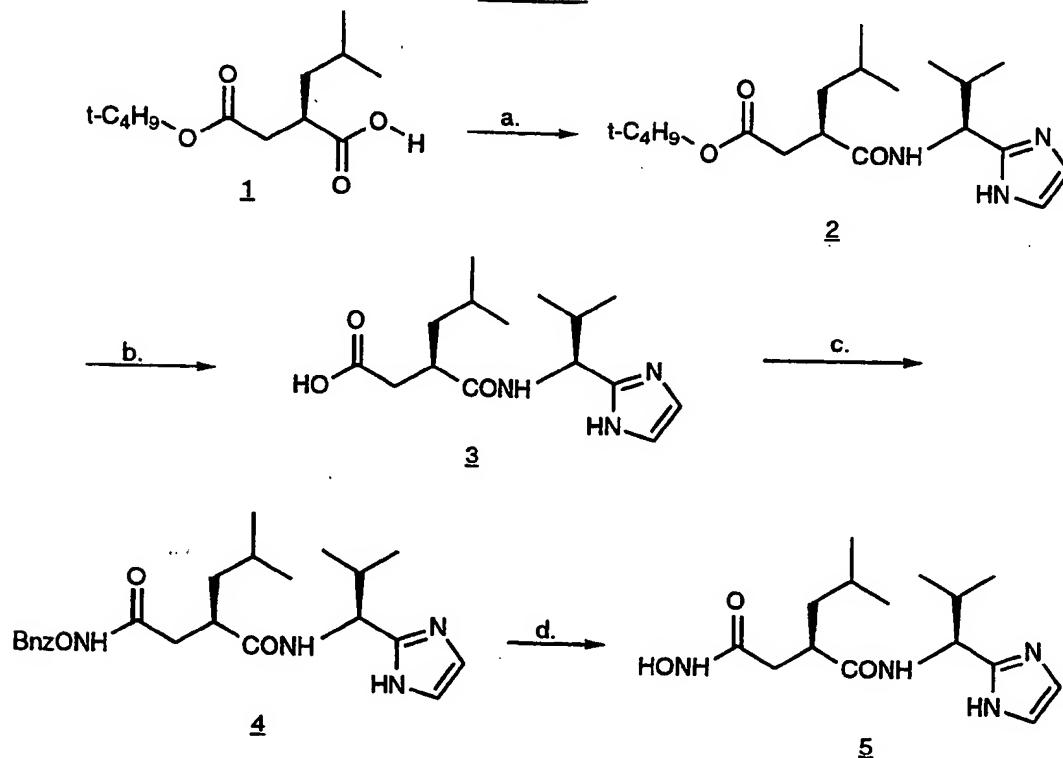
Another aspect of the present invention is a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent and a compound according 15 to Formula (I).

The following terms, as used herein, refer to:

- "halo" - all halogens, that is chloro, fluoro, bromo and iodo;
- "alkyl" - both straight and branched chain radicals of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, 20 unless the chain length is otherwise limited, including, but not limited to, methyl, ethyl, *n*-propyl, *iso*-propyl, *n*-butyl, *sec*-butyl, *iso*-butyl, *tert*-butyl, and the like;
- The term "cycloalkyl" is used herein to mean cyclic radicals, preferably of 3 to 7 carbons, including but not limited to cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, and the like.
- 25 The term "cycloalkenyl" is used herein to mean cyclic radicals, preferably of 5 to 7 carbons, which contains an unsaturated bond, including but not limited to cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, and the like.
 - The term "alkenyl" is used herein at all occurrences to mean straight or branched chain radical of 2-10 carbon atoms, unless the chain length is limited thereto, 30 including, but not limited to ethenyl, 1-propenyl, 2-propenyl, 2-methyl-1-propenyl, 1-butenyl, 2-butenyl and the like.
 - "aryl" - phenyl and naphthyl;
 - "heteroaryl" (on its own or in any combination, such as "heteroaryloxy") - a 5-10 membered aromatic ring system in which one or more rings contain one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O or S, such as, but not limited, to pyrrole, thiophene, quinoline, isoquinoline, pyridine, pyrimidine, oxazole, thiazole, thiadiazole, triazole, imidazole, or benzimidazole;

- "heterocyclic" (on its own or in any combination, such as "heterocyclylalkyl")
 - a saturated or wholly or partially unsaturated 4-10 membered ring system in which one or more rings contain one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, or S; such as, but not limited to, pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine, morpholine, imidazolidine or pyrazolidine;
- 5 • The term "aralkyl" or "heteroarylalkyl" or "heterocyclicalkyl" is used herein to mean C1-6 alkyl as defined above unless otherwise indicated.
- 10 • The term "amino acid residue" is used herein to mean a characteristic side chain attached to the -CH(NH₂)COOH moiety in the following R or S amino acids, glycine, phenyl glycine, alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, serine, threonine, cysteine, methionine, asparagine, glutamine, lysine, histidine, arginine, glutamic acid and aspartic acid.

Compounds of Formula (I) are imidazole derivatives which may be readily prepared using procedures well known to those of skill in the art such as may be found in US 4,599,361; EP 236872; WO 90/05716; WO 91/02716; WO 90/05719; WO 93/20047; EPO 0 498 665 A1; and WO 93/21942 whose disclosures are hereby incorporated by reference, or may be prepared by analogous methods to those indicated herein below.

Scheme I

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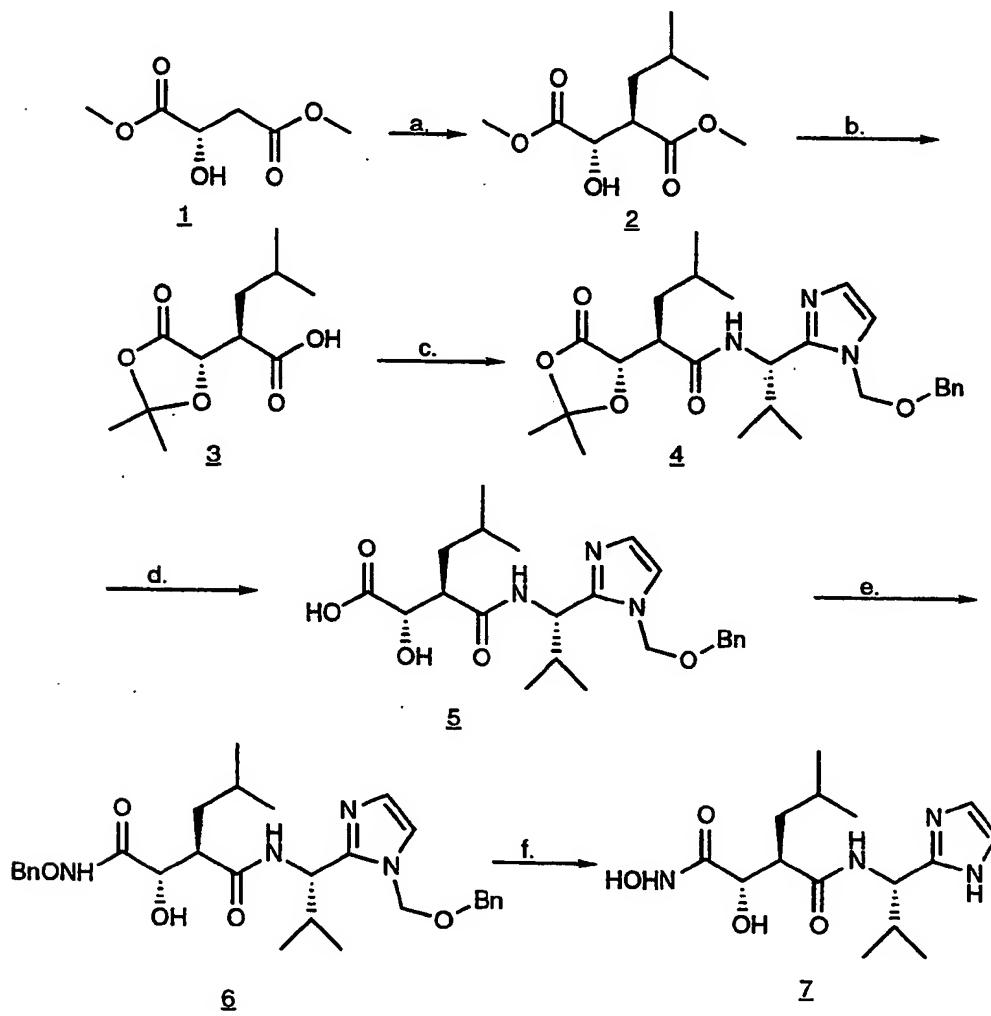
a) (1S)-1-amino-1-isopropyl-1-(imidazo-2-yl)methane, benzotriazol-1-yloxy-tris(dimethylamino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate ("BOP" rgt.), Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂; b) CF₃COOH; c) H₂NOCH₂Ph·HCl, "BOP" rgt., Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂; d) H₂, Pd/C, EtOH.

10 While the instant scheme, and scheme 2 to 4 as well are shown with a particular compound according to formula (I), here (in scheme 1) R₁ is hydrogen, R₂ is iso-butyl, R₃ is hydrogen, R₄ is isopropyl, R₅, R₆ and R₇ are hydrogen, the methods noted herein may be extrapolated to include all compounds of Formula (I) accordingly.

15 Monoesters of a dicarboxylic acid such as 1-Scheme-1 may be prepared according to procedures found in European Pat App. 0 498 665-A1, in particular see Example 1C, page 11 thereof. 1-Scheme-1 is coupled with a suitable amine (a), in this case a substituted aminomethyl imidazole which is available from any α -amino acid as in Scheme 3. The coupling is carried out using any standard coupling agent used in peptide synthesis, in this case "BOP" reagent to give 2-Scheme-1, in an organic solvent, such as but not limited to halogenated hydrocarbons, tetrahydrofuran, ethyl acetate, toluene, benzene, acetone, ethers, acetonitrile and DMF. The ester group in 2-Scheme-1 is deprotected using standard reagents, in this case trifluoroacetic acid as its own

solvent of TFA in chloroform or TFA in methylene chloride. The carboxylic acid 3-
Scheme-1 is coupled with a suitably protected hydroxylamine, in this case O-
benzylhydroxylamine, using "BOP" reagent as the coupling agent in solvents such as
water, aqueous hydrochloric acid, acetic acid, ethyl acetate, the various alcohols, such
5 as ethanol, methanol or isopropanol. The protecting group on the hydroxamic acid 4-
Scheme-1 is removed using standard conditions, in this case catalytic hydrogenation
over a palladium catalyst, and gave the final product 5-Scheme-1.

Scheme 2



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a) 2 LiN(*i*-propyl)2, *i*-butylbromide; b) (1) NaOH (2) Me2C(OMe)2, p-TSA; c) (1) pentafluorophenol, WSDI (2) substituted aminomethyl imidazole, DMF; d) HCl, H2O, ethylene glycol; e) BnONH2•HCl, Et3N, WSDI; f) H2, Pd/C

The diester of malic acid, commercially available, 1-Scheme-2 can be alkylated according to the procedure of Seebach *et al.*, *Helv. Chim. Acta*, 1980, 63, 197. In this case the dianion of the diester is alkylated with *i*-butyl bromide to give 2-Scheme-2, wherein R₂ is isobutyl and R₁ is hydroxyl, under reaction conditions wherein the

5 solvents such as THF, ether, or dimethoxy ethane are suitably used, and a primary or secondary bromide derivative of R₂ may be used. The esters can be cleaved under standard hydrolytic conditions, in this case with aqueous NaOH, (or NaOH in aq. alcohols or aq. THF) and the α -hydroxy carboxylic acid can be protected as the acetonide, in this case by reaction of the hydroxy acid with dimethoxyp propane under

10 acid catalysis, in this case using p-toluenesulfonic acid. 3-Scheme-2 is first coupled with pentafluorophenol using a standard coupling agent, in this case a water soluble diimide (WSDI), specifically 1-ethyl-3-dimethylaminopropyl-carbodiimide methiodide in organic solvents such as the halogenated hydrocarbons, tetrahydrofuran, ethyl acetate, toluene, benzene, acetone, ethers, acetonitrile and DMF; and the resultant

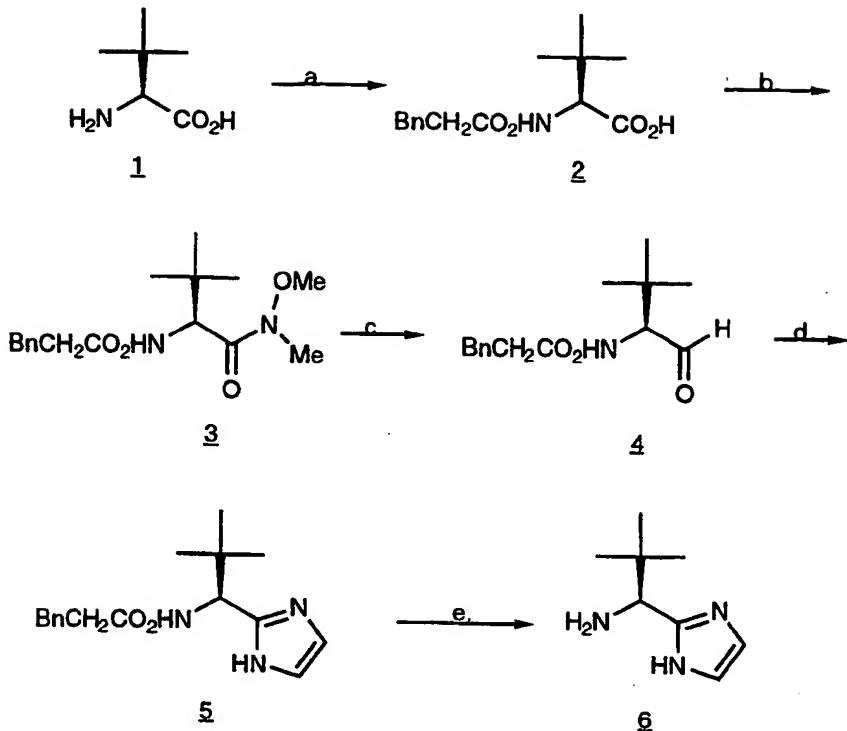
15 active ester is coupled with a suitably substituted aminomethyl imidazole obtained from the procedure of 4-Scheme-4 in solvents such as DMF or chlorinated hydrocarbons. In this instance, R₃ is hydrogen, R₄ is isopropyl, R₆ and R₇ are hydrogen, and R₅ as a hydrogen is suitably protected, this compound being derived from valine. The acetonide protecting group in 4-Scheme-2 can be removed under acidic conditions, in

20 this case with aqueous HCl in ethylene glycol or any suitable alcohol. As noted in scheme 4 compounds wherein R₃ and/or R₅ is methyl can suitably be prepared. The free carboxylic acid in 5-Scheme-2 can be coupled under standard conditions with a suitably protected hydroxylamine, in this case O-benzyl-hydroxylamine, to give the protected hydroxamic acid 6-Scheme-2. Simultaneous deprotection of the hydroxamic acid and the imidazole can be accomplished using conditions appropriate to the

25 protecting groups, in this case catalytic hydrogenation over a palladium catalyst to give the final product 7-Scheme-2.

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Scheme 3

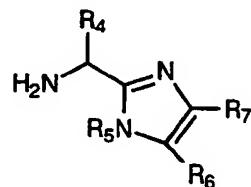


a) $\text{PhCH}_2\text{OCOCl}$, NaOH , aqueous Me_2CO ; b) (1) pentafluorophenol, WSDI (2)
 5 $\text{HN}(\text{OMe})\text{Me} \cdot \text{HCl}$, Et_3N , DMF ; c) LiAlH_4 , -55° ; d) NH_3 , glyoxal trimer, MeOH ; e)
 H_2 , Pd/C .

Any α -amino acid, including phenylglycine (which produces the final product of formula (I) wherein R4 is phenyl), but in this case *tert*-leucine is illustrated for R4 as a t -butyl group (*tert*-leucine is available from Aldrich Chemical Co.) which amino acid can have the nitrogen protected as a carbamate, in this case a carbobenzyloxy group, using standard conditions, such as in aq. THF, or alternatively this can be done under anhydrous condition such as triethylamine as a base and chlorinated solvents, to give 2-Scheme-3. Alternatively, amino acid derivatives of interest can be prepared in accordance with the procedures illustrated in WO93/02057, in particular, Example 1(a) whose disclosure is hereby incorporated by reference. The carboxyl group of 2-Scheme-3 is activated by formation of an active ester, in this case the pentafluorophenyl ester, the coupling between the carboxylic acid and the phenol being carried out with any water soluble diimide, in solvents such as halogenated hydrocarbons, tetrahydrofuran, ethyl acetate, toluene, benzene, acetone, ethers, acetonitrile and DMF, in this case the WSDI is 1-cyclohexyl-3-(2-morpholinoethyl)-carbodiimide metho-p-toluene-sulfonate. The active ester is coupled with N,O-dimethylhydroxylamine to give

the amide 3-Scheme-3. The amide is reduced to the aldehyde, in this case using LiAlH₄ at reduced temperatures, in this case -55°, in solvents such as THF, ether, or dimethoxy ethane, to give the aldehyde of 4-Scheme-3. Condensation of the aldehyde with glyoxal and ammonia in any alcoholic solvent, gives the imidazole 5-Scheme-3, and the protecting group is removed using conditions appropriate for the particular protecting group, in this case catalytic hydrogenation over a palladium catalyst to give the substituted aminomethyl imidazole, 6-Scheme-3, used in scheme 1.

10 Appropriately substituted intermediates of 6-Scheme-3, for use in the present invention may be produced in accordance with the procedures found in WO 93/02057, supra, as follows:



R4	R5	R6	R7	Exam. #
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	1(b)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	(CH ₂) ₂ C(O) ₂ CH ₃	83(b)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	C(O)NH ₂	84(d)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	methyl	methyl	9(b)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	phenyl	18(c)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	R ₆ & R ₇	forms fused aryl ring	4(b)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	bromine	21(b)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	bromine	Bromine	22(a)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	methyl	23(a)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	CF ₃	24(a)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	C(O) ₂ CH ₃	26(c)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	CH ₂ OH	30(a)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	CH(O)	27(b)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	CH(OH)CH(CH ₃) ₂	28(b)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	CH(OH)phenyl	29(b)
isopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	CH(OH)CH ₃	27(d)
methyl *	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	6(a)
Hydrogen*	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	5(a)

R4	R5	R6	R7	Exam. #
CH ₂ -phenyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	7(a)
ethyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	19(b)
propyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	20(b)
isobutyl*	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	36(a)
cyclopropyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	61(d)
isopropyl ^a	methyl	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	11(a)
isopropyl ^b	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	25(b)

* is a protected site with a carbobenzyloxy moiety

^a is a protected carbobenzyloxy amino group

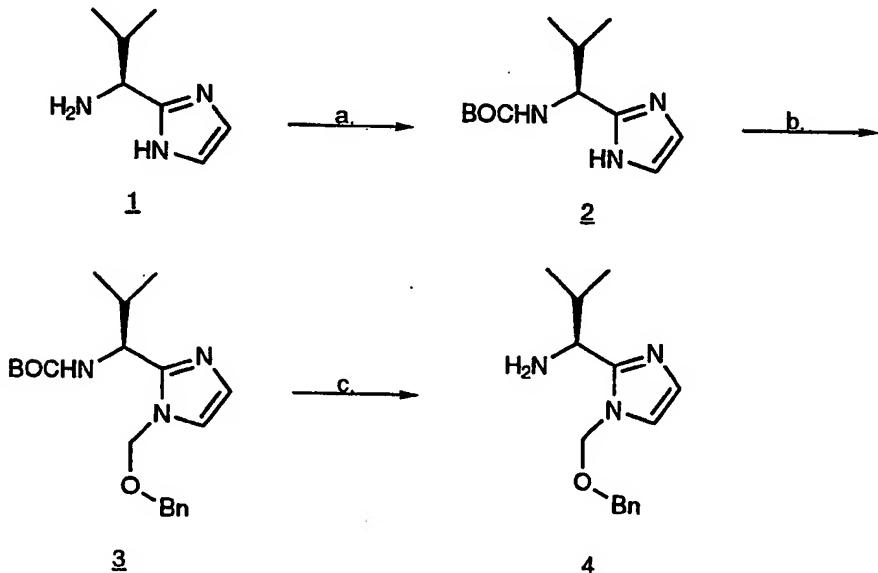
^b R₃ is methyl, i.e. the amino group is NHCH₃

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These intermediates can serve as precursors to other usefully substituted intermediates, such as where R₇ is C(O)NH₂ could also be made thru the intermediate C(O)2Me with appropriately substituted NR₁₂R₁₃ moieties to yield the R₇ group - C(O)NR₁₂R₁₃.

Scheme 4

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a) (1) di-t-butylpyrocarbonate, MeOH (2) NaOH, aqueous MeOH; b) benzyl chloromethyl ether, Et₃N, MeCN; c) (1) CF₃COOH (2) K₂CO₃.

15 A substituted aminomethyl imidazole, such as available from the procedures outlined in Scheme 3 herein, in this case (1S)-1-amino-1-isopropyl-1-(imidazo-2-yl)methane, 1-

Scheme-4, can have the amino group protected, in this case as the t-butoxycarbonyl group, by reaction with a suitable derivatizing agent, in this case di-t-butyl-pyrocarbonate in chlorinated solvents, or alcohols. The NH of the imidazole in compound 2-Scheme-4 can be blocked by alkylation, in this case alkylation is carried out under basic conditions with benzyl chloromethyl ether, and alternative solvents such as DMF or acetone, to give the doubly protected compound 3-Scheme-4. The protecting group on the primary amine is selectively removed, in this case with trifluoroacetic acid (neat or in chlorinated solvents), and the resulting trifluoroacetate salt of the amine is neutralized with a base to give the product 4-Scheme-4.

5 Alternatively, prior to selectively deprotecting the side chain nitrogen, the hydrogen may be removed and replaced with a methyl group (for R₃) with NaH and MeI and the reaction scheme proceeds accordingly, or (for R₅ other than hydrogen) using the intermediate of 2-Scheme-4 and methyl iodide instead of benzylchloromethyl ether, and working up accordingly will produce suitably substituted compounds. Yet another

10 method for R₃ as other than hydrogen, the intermediate of 5-Scheme-3 may be used as intermediates to make other R₅ alkyl groups. Alkylation of the compound 5-Scheme-3 would first alkylate on the imidazole ring, and the resulting compound would then be used as an intermediate for alkylation, by standard means of the side chain nitrogen so that both R₃ and R₅ would be appropriately substituted.

15 20 Suitable protecting groups for use herein are well known in the art and described in many references, for instance, Protecting Groups in Organic Synthesis, Greene T W, Wiley-Interscience, New York, 1981.

25 30 The invention will now be described by reference to the following examples which are merely illustrative and are not to be construed as a limitation of the scope of the present invention.

Synthetic Examples

EXAMPLE 1

N-Hydroxy-3-N'-(1'-isopropyl-1'-imidazol-2-yl)methylaminocarbonyl-5-methyl hexanamide

Preparation of (3R, 1'S)-N-Hydroxy-3-(N'-(1'-isopropyl-1'-imidazol-2-yl)methylaminocarbonyl)-5-methyl hexanamide (wherein R₁=H, R₄= i-propyl)

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a) (3R, 1'S)-*t*-butyl-3-(N'-(1'-isopropyl-1'-imidazol-2-yl) methylaminocarbonyl)-5-methyl hexanoate

A solution of (3R)-*t*-butyl-3-*i*-butyl succinate (193mg, 0.84mmole), (1S)-1-(imidazol-2-yl)-2-methylpropylamine (117mg, 0.84mmole), Et₃N (170mg, 1.68mmole) and benzotriazolo-1-yloxy-tris(dimethylamino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (372mg, 0.84mmole) in CH₂Cl₂ (10ml) was stirred for 18hr. The reaction was diluted with Et₂O (100ml), and washed with H₂O and aq Na₂CO₃. The organic extracts were dried (K₂CO₃), and the solvent removed. The residue was recrystallized from a mixture of CH₂Cl₂ and hexane to afford the title compound (160mg, 54%). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.95 (s, 2H), 4.68 (t, 1H), 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.42 (m, 1H).

b) (3R, 1'S)-3-(N'-(1'-isopropyl-1'-imidazol-2-yl) methylaminocarbonyl)-5-methyl hexanoic acid, trifluoroacetate salt

A solution of the compound of Example 1(a) (160mg, 0.46mmole) in trifluoroacetic acid (5 ml) was stirred at 23° for 20h. The solvent was thoroughly evaporated, and the residue vacuum dried to afford the title compound (220mg, 100%). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.78 (d, 1H), 7.29 (s, 2H), 4.90 (t, 1H), 2.90 (m, 1H).

c) (3R, 1'S)-N-benzyloxy-3-(N'-(1'-isopropyl-1'-imidazol-2-yl) methylaminocarbonyl)-5-methyl hexanamide

A solution of the compound of Example 1(b) (218mg, 0.53mmole), O-benzylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (85mg, 0.53mmole), Et₃N (214mg, 2.12mmole) and benzotriazolo-1-yloxy-tris(dimethylamino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (234mg, 0.53mmole) in CH₂Cl₂ (50ml) was stirred for 18h. The solvent was removed, and the residue taken up in EtOAc (100ml). The EtOAc was washed with H₂O, aq Na₂CO₃, dried (K₂CO₃), and the solvent evaporated. The residue was triturated with hot Me₂CO, cooled and filtered, and afforded the title compound (92mg, 44%). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃/DMSO-D₆) δ 7.36 (m, 5H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 4.88 (t, 1H), 4.72 (d of d, 2H).

d) (3R, 1'S)-N-hydroxy-3-(N'-(1'-isopropyl-1'-imidazol-2-yl) methylaminocarbonyl)-5-methyl hexanamide

To a solution of the compound of Example 1(c) (42mg, .1mmole) in EtOH (5ml) was added 10% Pd/C (50mg), and the mixture was hydrogenated at 1 atmosphere H₂ for 4h. The catalyst was filtered, and the solvent evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from a mixture of MeOH and MeCN and afforded the title compound (18mg, 55%). (400MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 7.90 (d, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 4.74 (t, 1H), 2.74

(m, 1H), 2.30 (d of d, 1H), 2.12 (d of d, 1H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.06 (m, 1H), .78 (m, 12H).

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Example 2

Preparation of (2S, 3R, 1'S)-N-2-Dihydroxy-3-[(1'-isopropyl-1'-imidazol-2-yl)methylaminocarbonyl]-5-methyl hexanamide (wherein R₁= OH, R₄= i-propyl)

a) (1S)-1-t-butoxycarbonylamino-1-isopropyl-1-(imidazol-2-yl)methane

10 A solution of (1S)-1-(imidazol-2-yl)-2-methylpropylamine (330mg, 2.37mmole) and di-t-butylpyrocarbonate (1.04g, 4.75mmole) in MeOH (5ml) was stirred for 48h. The reaction was diluted with MeOH (5ml), treated with 2.5N NaOH (2ml), and stirred for .5h. The reaction was diluted with H₂O (20ml), extracted with Et₂O, the extracts were washed with H₂O, dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent evaporated to afford the title compound (462mg, 82%).

b) (1S)-1-t-butoxycarbonylamino-1-isopropyl-1-(1-benzyloxymethylimidazol-2-yl)methane

20 A mixture of the compound from Example 2(a) (442mg, 1.85mmole), benzyl chloromethyl ether (318mg, 2.03mmole), and Et₃N (205mg, 2.03mmole) in MeCN (5ml) was heated at 70° for 18h. The solvent was evaporated, the residue taken up in H₂O, and extracted with Et₂O. The extracts were washed with H₂O, dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, 1% methanol/chloroform) and yielded the title compound (590mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 4.64 (t, 1H), 2.24 (m, 1H).

c) (1S)-1-(1-benzyloxymethylimidazol-2-yl)-2-methylpropylamine

30 A solution of the compound from Example 2(b) (590mg, 1.64mmole) in a mixture of CDCl₃ (5ml) and TFA (2ml) was stirred at 23° for 4h. The solvents were evaporated, and the residue was taken up in H₂O, basified, and extracted with Et₂O. The extracts were dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent evaporated to yield the title compound as an oil (380mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 3.74 (d, 1H), 2.12 (m, 1H).

35 d) 2-(S)-(2,2-dimethyl-5-oxo-1,3-dioxolan-4-(R)-yl)-4-methylpentanoic acid pentafluorophenyl ester

A solution of 2-(S)-(2,2-dimethyl-5-oxo-1,3-dioxolan-4-(R)-yl)-4-methylpentanoic acid (1.1g, 4.78mmole), pentafluorophenol (970mg, 5.27mmole), and

1-dimethylaminopropyl-3-ethyl carbodiimide methiodide (1.42g, 4.78mmole) in CH₂Cl₂ (25ml) was stirred at 23° for 24h. The reaction was washed with H₂O, 5% aqueous K₂CO₃, H₂O, dried (K₂CO₃), and the solvent evaporated, to yield the title compound (1.39g, 74%).

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e) 2-(S)-(2,2-dimethyl-5-oxo-1,3-dioxolan-4-(R)-yl)-4-methylpentanoic acid, N-[2-methyl-1-(S)-(1-benzyloxymethylimidazol-2-yl)] propylamide

A solution of the compound from Example 2(d) (1.0g, 2.53mmole), and the compound from Example 2(c) (654mg, 2.53mmole) in DMF (3ml) was stirred for 24h.

10 The reaction was diluted with H₂O (10ml), basified (K₂CO₃), and extracted with Et₂O. The extracts were washed with H₂O, aqueous K₂CO₃, dried (K₂CO₃), and the solvent evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, 1% methanol/chloroform) and yielded the titled product (620mg, 52%). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 4.96 (t, 1H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.50 (s, 3H).

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f) (2S, 3R, 1'S)-2-hydroxy-3-[1'-isopropyl-1'-(1-benzyloxymethylimidazol-2-yl)methylaminocarbonyl]-5-methyl hexanoic acid

A solution of the compound in Example 2(e) (420mg, 0.89mmole) in a mixture of ethylene glycol (2ml), THF (2ml), H₂O (1ml), and 3N HCl (1ml), was stirred at 60°

20 for 1h. The reaction was cooled to 23° and treated with a solution of LiOH (200mg) in H₂O (5ml), and stirred for 30 min. The solution was poured into a pH 5 buffer (50ml), and extracted with EtOAc. The extracts were washed once with H₂O, dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent evaporated to yield the title product (364mg, 95%). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18 (s, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 4.92 (t, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.20 (d, 1H).

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g) (2S, 3R, 1'S)-N-benzyloxy-2-hydroxy-3-[1'-isopropyl-1'-(1-benzyloxymethylimidazol-2-yl)methylaminocarbonyl]-5-methyl hexanamide

The compound of Example 1(f) can be reacted with O-benzylhydroxylamine hydrochloride in the presence of Et₃N and benzotriazolo-1-yloxy-

30 tris(dimethylamino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate in CH₂Cl₂ in a manner analogous to that of Example 1(c) to give the titled compound.

h) (2S, 3R, 1'S)-N,2-dihydroxy-3-[1'-isopropyl-1'-(imidazol-2-yl)methylaminocarbonyl]-5-methyl hexanamide

35 The compound of Example 1(g) can be deprotected by hydrogenating a solution of the compound in MeOH over a 10% Pd/C catalyst in an analogous manner to that of Example 1(d), to give the titled compound.

Example 3Preparation of (2S, 3R, 1'S)-N-2-Dihydroxy-3-[1'-t-butyl-1'-imidazol-2-yl)methylaminocarbonyl]-5-methyl hexanamide (wherein R₁= oh, R₄= t-butyl)

5 a) N-carbobenzyloxy-*t*-leucine
A solution of *tert*-leucine (16.7g, .13mole) in a mixture of H₂O (100ml) and 2.5N NaOH (51ml) was cooled to 0° and stirred rapidly. Solutions of benzyloxymchloroformate (21.7ml, .15mole) in Me₂CO (40ml) and 2.5N NaOH (62ml) were added portionwise and alternately, at such a rate that the temperature of the

10 reaction did not exceed 5°. After the additions, the reaction was stirred at 0° for 2h. The reaction was diluted with H₂O (200ml), and washed 3 times with Et₂O. The aqueous phase was acidified to pH 1, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The extracts were washed with H₂O, dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent evaporated to yield the title compound (28g, 82%). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (m, 5H), 5.45 (d, 1H), 5.12 (d of d, 2H), 4.22 (d, 1H), 1.00 (s, 9H).

15 b) N-carbobenzyloxy-*t*-leucine, pentafluorophenyl ester
A solution of the compound from Example 3(a) (1.7g, 6.4mmole), pentafluorophenol (1.2g, 6.52mmole), and 1-(2-morpholinoethyl)-3-cyclohexyl carbodiimide metho-p-toluene sulfonate (2.71g, 6.4mmole) in CH₂Cl₂ (50ml) was stirred at 23° for 3 days. The reaction was washed once with H₂O, and twice with aqueous K₂CO₃, dried (K₂CO₃), and the solvent removed, and yielded the title compound (2.02g, 73%). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.39 (d, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.50 (d, 1H), 1.10 (s, 9H).

20 c) N-methoxy-N-methyl carbobenzyloxy-*t*-leucineamide
A solution of the compound from Example 3(b) (14.82g, .034mole) and N,O-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (9.9g, 0.1mole) in DMF (200ml) was treated with Et₃N (14.25ml, 0.1mole) and stirred at 23° for 7 days. The reaction was diluted with H₂O (300ml), and extracted three times with Et₂O. The extracts were washed with H₂O, dried (K₂CO₃), and the solvent removed. Purification was accomplished by flash chromatography (silica gel, 30% EtOAc/hexane, and afforded the title product (6.2g, 59%. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.10 (d of d, 2H), 4.70 (d, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H), .98 (s, 9H).

25 d) carbobenzyloxy-*t*-leucinal
A solution of the compound from Example 3(c) (910mg, 2.96mmole) in THF (10ml) was cooled to -50° and treated dropwise with a 1N solution of LAH in THF

(3ml). After 1h, EtOAc (2ml) was added, and the cooling bath removed. As the reaction warmed to 23°, H₂O (.12ml), 2.5N NaOH (.18ml), and H₂O (.3ml) was added, stirring continued 30 min, and the solids filtered. The filtrate was evaporated, and afforded the title compound (630mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.24 (d, 1H), 1.02 (s, 9H).

5 e) (1S)-N-carbobenzyloxy-1-(imidazol-2-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropyl amine
A solution of the compound of Example 3(d) (630mg, 2.53mmole) and glyoxal trimer dihydrate (312mg, 1.27mmole) in MeOH (4ml) containing NH₃ (200mg) was 10 stirred at 23° for 24h. The reaction was diluted with H₂O (10ml), and extracted with EtOAc. The extracts were washed with H₂O, dried (MgSO₄), and the solvents evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, 3%MeOH/CHCl₃) to afford the title compound (380mg, 52%). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.90 (s, 2H), 5.10 (d, 1H), 5.00 (d, 1H), 4.68 (d, 1H).

15 f) 1-(imidazol-2-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropyl amine
A solution of the compound from Example 3(e) (380mg, 1.32mmole) in MeOH (10ml) was treated with 10%Pc/C (100mg) and hydrogenated under 1 atmosphere H₂ pressure for 48h. The catalyst was filtered, and the filtrate evaporated to afford the title 20 compound (200mg, 100%).

g) 2-(S)-(2,2-dimethyl-5-oxo-1,3-dioxolan-4-(R)-yl)-4-methylpentanoic acid, N-[2,2-dimethyl-1-(S)-(imidazol-2-yl)] propylamide
A solution of 2-(S)-(2,2-dimethyl-5-oxo-1,3-dioxolan-4-(R)-yl)-4-25 methylpentanoic acid (346mg, 1.5mmole), hydroxybenzotriazole (300mg), 1-cyclohexyl-3-(2-morpholinoethyl) carbodiimide metho-p-toluenesulfonate (635mg, 1.5mmole), and the compound from Example 3(f) (230mg, 1.5mmole) in CH₂Cl₂ (10ml) was stirred at 23° for 48h. The reaction was washed with aqueous Na₂CO₃, H₂O, dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent evaporated. The residue was purified by flash 30 chromatography (silica gel, 3% MeOH/CHCl₃), and afforded the titled product (160mg, 28%). ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.98 (s, 2H), 5.20 (d, 1H), 4.50 (d, 1H), 2.88 (m, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 9H).

35 h) (2S, 3R, 1'S)-2-hydroxy-3-[2',2'-dimethyl-1'-(imidazol-2-yl)propylaminocarbonyl]-5-methyl hexanoic acid

The compound of Example 3(g) can be reacted with HCl in a mixture of H₂O and ethylene glycol in a manner analogous to that of Example 2(f) to give the titled compound.

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i) (2S, 3R, 1'S)-N-benzyloxy-2-hydroxy-3-[2',2'-dimethyl-1'-(imidazol-2-yl)propylaminocarbonyl]-5-methyl hexanamide

The compound of Example 3(h) can be reacted with O-benzylhydroxylamine hydrochloride in the presence of Et_3N and benzotriazolo-1-yloxy-

5 tris(dimethylamino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate in CH_2Cl_2 in a manner analogous to that of Example 1(c) to give the titled compound.

j) (2S, 3R, 1'S)-N,2-dihydroxy-3-[2',2'-dimethyl-1'-(imidazol-2-yl)propylaminocarbonyl]-5-methyl hexanamide

10 The compound of Example 3(i) can be deprotected by hydrogenating a solution of the compound in MeOH over a 10% Pd/C catalyst in an analogous manner to that of Example 1(d), to afford the titled compound.

15 In an analogous manner to that of Example 1 or by the general synthetic methods indicated herein the following compounds may be prepared:

Example 4. N-hydroxy-3-N'-(1-t-butyl-1'-imidazol-2-yl)methylaminocarbonyl-5-methyl hexanamide

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METHODS OF TREATMENT

The compounds of Formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof can be used in the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylactic or therapeutic treatment of any disease state in a human, or other mammal, which is exacerbated or caused by a matrix-degrading metalloproteinases.

30 The role of these metalloproteinases is well known in the art and management of these metalloproteinases would be useful to treat a wide variety of disease states and conditions thereof. Most notably, diseases involving tissue degradation which includes arthropathy, such as rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis, inflammatory disease, dermatological diseases, bone reabsorption disease, inhibition of angiogenesis, regression of tumors and therefore in treatment of cancers caused thereby, and corneal ulceration.

35 Many patents have published or issued to these various diseases and while not inclusive, US Patents 4,996,358; US 4,599,361; US 5,240,958; WO 91/02716; EPO 498 665 A1; WO 90/05716; WO 90/05719; and WO 93/21942 are hereby incorporated

by reference in their entirety. Similarly incorporated by reference herein is *Arthritis and Rheumatism*, 20, pg. 1231-1239 (1977) which provides evidence implicating collagenase as a key enzyme in the breakdown of articular cartilage and bone in rheumatoid arthritis. The inhibition of these metalloproteinases is of benefit in controlling, reducing and 5 alleviating many of these disease states.

Accordingly, the present invention provides a method of treating a matrix-degrading metalloproteinase mediated disease which comprises administering an effective matrix-degrading inhibiting amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In particular, the present invention is to a 10 method of treating a collagenase mediated disease state or where collagenolytic activity is important.

In particular, compounds of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof are of use in the prophylaxis or therapy of any disease state in a human, or other mammal, which is exacerbated by or caused by excessive or unregulated collagenolytic 15 activity by such mammal's cell.

In order to use a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in therapy, it will normally be formulated into a pharmaceutical composition in accordance with standard pharmaceutical practice. This invention, therefore, also relates to a pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective, non-toxic amount of a 20 compound of formula (I) and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

Compounds of formula (I), pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and pharmaceutical compositions incorporating such may conveniently be administered by any of the routes conventionally used for drug administration, for instance, orally, 25 topically, parenterally or by inhalation. The compounds of formula (I) may be administered in conventional dosage forms prepared by combining a compound of formula (I) with standard pharmaceutical carriers according to conventional procedures. The compounds of formula (I) may also be administered in conventional dosages in combination with a known, second therapeutically active compound. These procedures may involve mixing, granulating and compressing or dissolving the ingredients as 30 appropriate to the desired preparation. It will be appreciated that the form and character of the pharmaceutically acceptable character or diluent is dictated by the amount of active ingredient with which it is to be combined, the route of administration and other well-known variables. The carrier(s) must be "acceptable" in the sense of being compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not deleterious to the 35 recipient thereof.

The pharmaceutical carrier employed may be, for example, either a solid or liquid. Exemplary of solid carriers are lactose, terra alba, sucrose, talc, gelatin, agar, pectin, acacia, magnesium stearate, stearic acid and the like. Exemplary of liquid

carriers are syrup, peanut oil, olive oil, water and the like. Similarly, the carrier or diluent may include time delay material well known to the art, such as glyceryl monostearate or glyceryl distearate alone or with a wax.

A wide variety of pharmaceutical forms can be employed. Thus, if a solid 5 carrier is used, the preparation can be tableted, placed in a hard gelatin capsule in powder or pellet form or in the form of a troche or lozenge. The amount of solid carrier will vary widely but preferably will be from about 25mg. to about 1g. When a liquid carrier is used, the preparation will be in the form of a syrup, emulsion, soft gelatin capsule, sterile injectable liquid such as an ampule or nonaqueous liquid suspension.

10 Compounds of formula (I) may be administered topically, that is by non-systemic administration. This includes the application of a compound of formula (I) externally to the epidermis or the buccal cavity and the instillation of such a compound into the ear, eye and nose, such that the compound does not significantly enter the blood stream. In contrast, systemic administration refers to oral, intravenous, 15 intraperitoneal and intramuscular administration.

Formulations suitable for topical administration include liquid or semi-liquid preparations suitable for penetration through the skin to the site of inflammation such as liniments, lotions, creams, ointments or pastes, and drops suitable for administration to the eye, ear or nose. The active ingredient may comprise, for topical administration, 20 from 0.001% to 10% w/w, for instance from 1% to 2% by weight of the formulation. It may however comprise as much as 10% w/w but preferably will comprise less than 5% w/w, more preferably from 0.1% to 1% w/w of the formulation.

Lotions according to the present invention include those suitable for application 25 to the skin or eye. An eye lotion may comprise a sterile aqueous solution optionally containing a bactericide and may be prepared by methods similar to those for the preparation of drops. Lotions or liniments for application to the skin may also include an agent to hasten drying and to cool the skin, such as an alcohol or acetone, and/or a moisturizer such as glycerol or an oil such as castor oil or arachis oil.

Creams, ointments or pastes according to the present invention are semi-solid 30 formulations of the active ingredient for external application. They may be made by mixing the active ingredient in finely-divided or powdered form, alone or in solution or suspension in an aqueous or non-aqueous fluid, with the aid of suitable machinery, with a greasy or non-greasy base. The base may comprise hydrocarbons such as hard, soft or liquid paraffin, glycerol, beeswax, a metallic soap; a mucilage; an oil of natural origin 35 such as almond, corn, arachis, castor or olive oil; wool fat or its derivatives or a fatty acid such as steric or oleic acid together with an alcohol such as propylene glycol or a macrogel. The formulation may incorporate any suitable surface active agent such as an anionic, cationic or non-ionic surfactant such as a sorbitan ester or a

polyoxyethylene derivative thereof. Suspending agents such as natural gums, cellulose derivatives or inorganic materials such as siliceous silicas, and other ingredients such as lanolin, may also be included.

5 Drops according to the present invention may comprise sterile aqueous or oily solutions or suspensions and may be prepared by dissolving the active ingredient in a suitable aqueous solution of a bactericidal and/or fungicidal agent and/or any other suitable preservative, and preferably including a surface active agent. The resulting solution may then be clarified by filtration, transferred to a suitable container which is then sealed and sterilized by autoclaving or maintaining at 98-100°C. for half an hour.

10 Alternatively, the solution may be sterilized by filtration and transferred to the container by an aseptic technique. Examples of bactericidal and fungicidal agents suitable for inclusion in the drops are phenylmercuric nitrate or acetate (0.002%), benzalkonium chloride (0.01%) and chlorhexidine acetate (0.01%). Suitable solvents for the preparation of an oily solution include glycerol, diluted alcohol and propylene glycol.

15 Compounds of formula (I) may be administered parenterally, that is by intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous intranasal, intrarectal, intravaginal or intraperitoneal administration. The subcutaneous and intramuscular forms of parenteral administration are generally preferred. Appropriate dosage forms for such administration may be prepared by conventional techniques. Compounds of formula (I)

20 may also be administered by inhalation, that is by intranasal and oral inhalation administration. Appropriate dosage forms for such administration, such as an aerosol formulation or a metered dose inhaler, may be prepared by conventional techniques.

25 For all methods of use disclosed herein for the compounds of formula (I), total daily dosage for oral administration will be from about 250mg to about 5000mg. A suitable daily dosage will be from about 0.1mg/kg to about 300 mg/kg of total body weight, preferably from about 1 to 100 mg/kg.

30 The daily parenteral, in particular intra-articularly into the affected joint, will be from about .5mg/kg to 100mg/kg, resulting in a daily administration of about 1 mg to 5 grams of compound for a 70kg mammal.

35 The daily topical dosage regimen will be similar to parenteral of .5mg to 100mg/kg and typically be in the range of 10mg to 100mg of compound. For administration to the eyes, .1 to 1mg of compound per administration.

35 It will also be recognized by one of skill in the art that the optimal quantity and spacing of individual dosages of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof will be determined by the nature and extent of the condition being treated, the form, route and site of administration, and the particular patient being treated, and that such optimums can be determined by conventional techniques. It will also be appreciated by one of skill in the art that the optimal course of treatment, i.e.,

the number of doses of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof given per day for a defined number of days, can be ascertained by those skilled in the art using conventional course of treatment determination tests.

The invention will now be described by reference to the following examples
5 which are merely illustrative and are not to be construed as a limitation of the scope of the present invention.

BIOLOGICAL EXAMPLES

The collagenase inhibitory activity of compounds of the present invention are
10 determined by the *in vitro* assays as described by the procedure of Cawston and Barrett, Anal. Biochem. 99, 340-345 (1979), and as described in US patent 5,240,598 or 4,599361 whose disclosures are hereby incorporated by reference. The compound of Example 1 was found to be an effective inhibitor of collagenase activity.

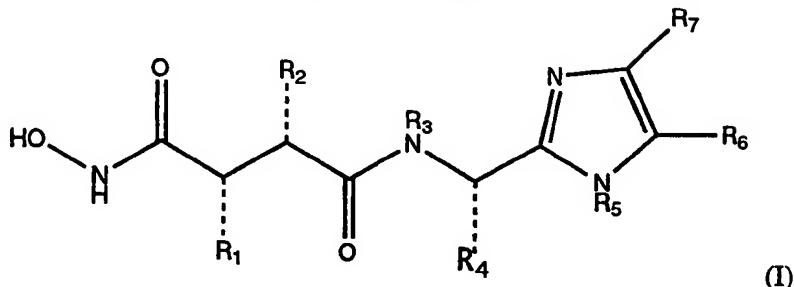
The stromelysin inhibitory activity of the compounds of Formula (I) may be
15 determined by the procedure of Cawston et al., Biochem. J., 195, 159-165 (1981), whose disclosure is hereby incorporated by reference.

Additional testing for anti-inflammatory and chondroprotective effects of the compounds of Formula (I) may also be done using the adjuvant arthritis (AA) rat model which is well known to those of skill in the art.

20 The above description fully discloses the invention including preferred embodiments thereof. Modifications and improvements of the embodiments specifically disclosed herein are within the scope of the following claims. Without further elaboration, it is believed that one skilled in the art can, using the preceding description, utilize the present invention to its fullest extent. Therefore the Examples
25 herein are to be construed as merely illustrative and not a limitation of the scope of the present invention in any way. The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows.

What is claimed is:

1. A compound according to the formula



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wherein

R₁ is hydrogen, hydroxy, optionally substituted C₁-6 alkyl, optionally substituted C₁-6 alkenyl, phenyl, optionally substituted phenyl C₁-6 alkyl-, R₇-S(O)_n C₁-6 alkyl-;

n is 0 or an integer having a value of 1 or 2;

10 R₇ is C₁-6 alkyl, phenyl, phenyl C₁-6 alkyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic C₁-6 alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl C₁-6 alkyl, C₁-6 alkyl carbonyl, or phenacyl, all of which may be optionally substituted one to four time independently from C₁-6 alkyl, C₁-6 alkoxy, hydroxy, thio C₁-6alkyl, amino, halogen, CF₃ or nitro;

R₂ is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6 alkenyl, phenyl C₁-6 alkyl, cycloalkyl C₁-6 alkyl, or 15 cycloalkenyl C₁-6 alkyl;

R₃ is hydrogen or methyl;

R₄ is hydrogen, C₁-6 alkyl, cyclopropyl, an amino acid residue, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted phenyl C₁-6 alkyl-, optionally substituted -C₁-6-alkyl-oxy C₁-6alkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-6 alkyl oxyC₁-6 alkyl 20 phenyl, or an optionally substituted -C₁-6 alkyl oxy phenyl;

wherein the phenyl or benzyl moiety is independently substituted one to four times by halogen, C₁-6 alkyl, C₁-6 alkoxy, hydroxy, thiol, C₁-6alkylthio-, -NR₁₂R₁₃, -NHR^a, -NO₂, -C(O)R₁₄, -C(O)NR₁₂R₁₃, cyanoamino, R₁₄C(O)-O-, C₁-6 alkyl OH, C₁-6alkyl-C(O)R₁₄, C₁-6alkyl-oxy-C₁-6alkyl, 25 C(O)C₁-6 alkylNR₁₂R₁₃, or C₁-6alkyl-(O)C-R₁₄;

R^a is hydrogen, C₁-6 alkyl, or the side chain of an amino acid,

R₁₄ is hydrogen, C₁-6 alkyl, C₃-7 cycloalkyl, C₃-7 cycloalkyl C₁-6 alkyl, arylC₁-6alkyl, heteroarylC₁-6alkyl, or heterocyclic C₁-6 alkyl;

R₅ is hydrogen or C₁-6alkyl;

30 R₆ and R₇ are independently hydrogen, halogen, CF₃, C₁-6 alkyl, aryl, arylC₁-6alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylC₁-6alkyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic C₁-6 alkyl, (CHR₈)_m OH, (CHR₈)_m C(O)R₁₀, (CHR₈)_m C(OH)(R₉)₂, (CR₈R₉)-OH, C(O)R₁₁,

$C(O)NR_{12}R_{13}$, $C(O)_{2}R_{10}$, or NO_2 ; or R_6 and R_7 can together form a fused C 2-4 alkylene, aryl or heteroaryl moiety;
 m is 0 or an integer having a value of 1 or 2;
 m' is an integer having a value of 1, 2, or 3;
 R_8 and R_9 are independently hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl or phenyl;
 R_{10} is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{5-7} cycloalkenyl, aryl C_{1-6} alkyl, heteroaryl C_{1-6} alkyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic C_{1-6} alkyl all of which may be optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxyl, $-C_{1-6}$ alkoxy, $-thioC_{1-6}$ alkyl, or CF_3 ;
 R_{11} is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{5-7} cycloalkenyl, aryl, aryl C_{1-6} alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl C_{1-6} alkyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic C_{1-6} alkyl all of which may be optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxyl, $-C_{1-6}$ alkoxy, $-thioC_{1-6}$ alkyl, or CF_3 ;
 R_{12} and R_{13} are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl, aryl C_{1-6} alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl C_{1-6} alkyl, heterocyclic, heterocyclic C_{1-6} alkyl or R_{12} and R_{13} may together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 5 to 7 membered ring which may additionally contain another heteroatom selected from O/N/ or S;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_1 is hydrogen or hydroxy.
3. The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_2 is C_{1-6} alkyl.
4. The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_3 is hydrogen.
5. The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_4 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, cyclopropyl, an amino acid residue, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted phenyl C_{1-6} alkyl-, optionally substituted(phenyl) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl-oxy C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl oxy C_{1-6} alkyl phenyl, or an optionally substituted $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl oxy phenyl;
wherein the phenyl or benzyl moiety is independently substituted one to four times by halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, hydroxy, thiol, C_{1-6} alkylthio-, $-NR_{12}R_{13}$, $-NHR^a$, $-NO_2$, $-C(O)_{2}R_{14}$, $-C(O)_{2}NR_{12}R_{13}$, cyanoamino, $R_{14}C(O)-O-$, C_{1-6} alkyl OH, C_{1-6} alkyl-C(O)2R14, C_{1-6} alkyl-oxy- C_{1-6} alkyl, $C(O)C_{1-6}$ alkylNR12R13, or C_{1-6} alkyl-(O)2C-R14.

6. The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₆ and R₇ are independently hydrogen, bromine, chlorine, CF₃, C₁₋₆ alkyl, phenyl, (CH_R₈)_m OH, (CH_R₈)_m C(O)₂R₁₀, (CH_R₈)_m C(OH)(R₉)₂, (CR₈R₉)-OH, C(O)R₁₁, C(O)NR₁₂R₁₃, C(O)₂R₁₀, or NO₂; or R₆ and R₇ can together form a fused C 2-4 alkylene, aryl or heteroaryl moiety;
R₁₀ is hydrogen, or C₁₋₆ alkyl; and
R₁₁ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, or phenyl.
7. The compound according to Claim 6 wherein R₆ and R₇ together form a fused aryl ring.
8. The compound according to Claim 6 wherein R₁ is hydrogen or hydroxy; R₂ is C₁₋₆ alkyl and R₃ is hydrogen.
9. The compound according to Claim 1 wherein one of R₆ and R₇ are hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, CF₃, bromine, C(O)₂CH₃, C(O)H, CH₂OH, CH(OH)CH₃, CH(OH)isopropyl, CH(OH)phenyl, NO₂, C(O)NH₂, (CH₂)₂C(O)₂CH₃, or both of R₆ and R₇ are methyl, dibromo or together form a fused aryl ring with the imidazole.
10. The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₄ is hydrogen, methyl, t-butyl, ethyl, propyl, isobutyl, cyclopropyl or benzyl.
11. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent and a compound according to Claim 1.
12. A method of treating a matrix degrading metalloproteinase mediated disease in an animal in need thereof which method comprises administering to said animal an effective matrix degrading metalloproteinase amount of a compound according to Claim 1.
13. The method according to Claim 12 wherein the matrix degrading metalloproteinase is collagenase.
14. The method according to Claim 12 wherein the matrix degrading metalloproteinase mediated disease is arthritis, osteoporosis, or a bone reasorption disease.

15. A method of treating inflammation in an animal in need thereof which method comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1.
16. A method of treating arthritis in an animal in need thereof which method comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1.

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